

**MINUTES OF
FAUQUIER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
JULY 31, 2013**

7:00 P.M.

*2nd Floor Conference Room – Warren Green Building
10 Hotel Street
Warrenton, VA 20186*

Members Present: Peter S. Eltringham, Chairman; Adrienne Garreau; Matthew Sheedy; Tony Tedeschi; John Green; Mark Nesbit; and Jeffrey Walker

Members Absent: Ed Moore, Vice Chairman and R. Holder Trumbo, Jr.

Guests Present: David Cubbage, VDOT; Noel Cooper, VDOT; and Brian Curtis, Michael Baker Associates

Staff Present: Susan Eddy and Meredith Meixner

1. Approval of June 26, 2013 Committee Meeting Minutes

The Committee agreed the list of citizens in attendance for each meeting should be included in the official minutes.

ACTION: On motion made by Adrienne Garreau and seconded by Tony Tedeschi, it was moved to approve the June 26, 2013 Committee Meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Ongoing Business

- **Kelly Road**

Mrs. Eddy reviewed the request for a reduction of the speed limit on Kelly Road and VDOT's determination of whether this road qualifies as a "Residence District" under *Code of Virginia* §46.2-874.

Mr. Nesbit clarified that when a VDOT engineering study is performed, it supersedes *Code of Virginia* §46.2-874. He stated Kelly Road has both the collector and residential type classifications and VDOT recommends keeping the current speed limit at 35 mph.

Mr. Eltringham shared his concerns for the dangerous conditions of Kelly Road if the speed limit remains posted at 35 mph. He provided an example of how Auburn Mill Road is wider with guard rails, handles more traffic and has a posted speed limit of 25 mph.

Mrs. Eddy explained to VDOT that the goal of the New Baltimore Service District is to have a network of interconnected roadways.

Mr. Tedeschi explained that he previously lived on Auburn Mill Road and his in-laws lived on Kelly Road and agreed with Mr. Eltringham's concerns.

Mr. Eltringham asked if VDOT has a current Service District boundary map for New Baltimore. Mr. Cooper replied that the Service District map was not consulted.

Mr. Nesbit agreed to meet with staff in order to get an understanding of the County's Service District goals and boundaries.

The Committee requested VDOT review this request again based on the state's policy and determine whether the County can utilize this code in the future.

ACTION: VDOT will re-review whether Kelly Road qualifies as a Residence District under *Code of Virginia* §46.2-874; whether this supersedes the speed study performed by VDOT; and report back to the committee in 30 days.

- **Grays Mill Road**

Mrs. Eddy reviewed the request to determine if a particular section of Grays Mill Road can be classified as a Residence District.

Mr. Cooper stated that VDOT has determined that the speed limit should remain posted at 35 mph. He further stated that the amount of driveways per mile was considered as part of the engineering study.

The Committee requested VDOT review this request again based on the State Code.

ACTION: VDOT will verify whether the section of Grays Mill Road between Baldwin Street and Newbury Street meets the criteria for *Code of Virginia* §46.2-874 and report back to the committee in 30 days.

- **Bristersburg Road**

Mrs. Eddy reviewed the request for the extension of the 25 mph speed limit.

Mr. Nesbit stated VDOT recommends establishing a transition area of 35 mph between the 25 mph and 55 mph areas.

- **Greenwich Road**

Mrs. Eddy reviewed the request for signage and lowering the speed limit to 45 mph.

Mr. Nesbit indicated the draft study will be finalized prior to the next meeting.

Mr. Eltringham described this road as an external collector with growing density and requested that VDOT evaluate for additional signage prior to finalizing the study.

ACTION: VDOT will evaluate for additional signage, finalize the safety and speed study, and report back to the committee in 30 days.

3. *New Citizen Requests*

- **Atoka Road**

Mrs. Eddy reviewed the request for intersection signage, a reduction of the speed limit and speed bumps.

Ms. Earsaline Anderson described the dangerous conditions along Atoka Road, including poor sight distances, no shoulders, cut-through truck traffic, motorcycles and cyclists.

Mr. Howard Latimer added that the road is too narrow for the excessive speeding and that there have been three fatalities in the past three years.

Mr. Eltringham suggested that staff request the Sheriff's Office accident data and that VDOT retrieve their accident data for the September or October meeting.

Mr. Sheedy recommended that VDOT lower the speed on the northern end of Atoka Road.

Ms. Garreau suggested VDOT continue looking into a bicycle loop throughout that area.

ACTION: Staff will request accident data from the Sheriff's Office, VDOT will retrieve their accident data and report back to the committee within 60 days.

4. *Route 15/17/29 Interchange*

Mr. Cabbage and Mr. Curtis provided an overview and presentation of the concept plan for future intersection improvements.

5. *Other Items*

Mr. Sheedy explained that he was approached by citizens on Ernest Robinson Road requesting the Transportation Committee consider their concerns for commercial traffic generated by a proposed kennel. He further explained it was decided that the committee should not opine on cases being reviewed by other County Boards. Mr. Sheedy suggested

this road could be a candidate for the rural rustic program in the future once the kennel has been approved. Mrs. Eddy added that Mr. Lucas retracted his request prior to the meeting.

Ms. Garreau asked committee members if they knew who had placed traffic counters throughout the county over the past six to eight weeks. Mr. Nesbit responded that they were not placed by VDOT.

Mr. Sheedy commented that it would be beneficial for the County if the Sheriff's Office data could be coded in a way that it could be retrieved immediately.

6. *Citizens' Time*

None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 25, 2013.**